

Rotary Opens Opportunities

ROTARY NOTES

A publication of the Rotary Club of Warren

Rotary Motto

*Service Above
Self*

4-Way Test

*Of the things
we think, say
or do:*

Is it the truth?

*Is it fair to all
concerned?*

*Will it build
goodwill and
better
friendship?*

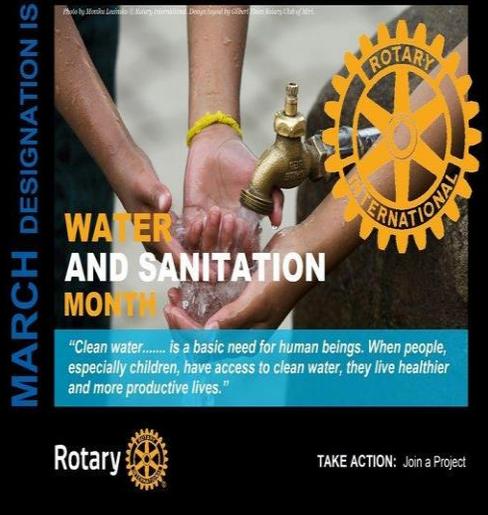
*Will it be
beneficial to all
concerned?*

Avenues of Service

Club Service

*Vocational
Service*

*Community
Service*



Clean water is a basic human right that many are often denied. 2.5 billion people in the world lack access to improved sanitation & 748 million individuals don't have clean drinking water. Nearly 1,400 children die each day from diseases caused by poor sanitation & unsafe drinking water. Rotary is committed to helping people live healthy & productive lives through projects like building wells, installing rainwater harvesting systems & water purification plants, & teaching community members how to maintain new infrastructure.

March 17, 2021

ASSIGNMENTS

INVOCATION

March, 2021 - Diane Sauer

April, 2021 - Lisa Taddei

FELLOWSHIP

March, 2021 - Kim Straniak

April, 2021 - Lisa Taddei

MAGAZINE REPORT

March, 2021 - Lauren Kramer

April, 2021 - Denise May

SPEAKERS

3/24/2021 - To Be Announced

Areas of Focus

Promoting Peace

Fighting Disease

Providing Clean Water

Saving Mothers & Children

Supporting Education

Growing Local Economies

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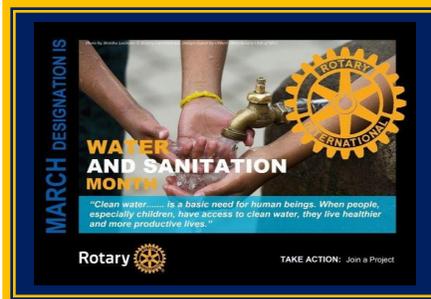
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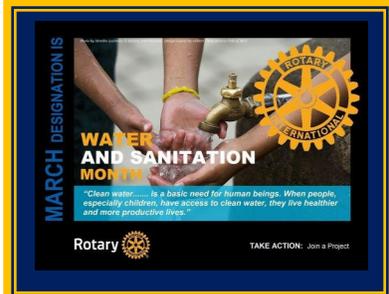
Board Members

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A MOTIVATIONAL QUOTE

“A new Member requires the experience of his first session in the House to teach him how to hang up his overcoat and take his seat in a manner befitting a gentleman.”
- John A. MacDonald



We were few in number at our 35th meeting of the Rotary Year. It seems that many were off searching for that pot of gold! Yet, those of us in attendance enjoyed the continuation of Kim Straniak's review of commemorative days. During the month of March, we can celebrate: Evacuation Day, National Let's Laugh Day, National Proposal & Kick Butts Day, World Down Syndrome Day, French Bread Day, National Goof Off Day, National Puppy Day, and National Cheesesteak Day. Yet, the most famous holiday in March is, of course, St. Paddy's Day. (And yes, that is spelled correctly!)

While many communities celebrate with parades and by partaking in green beer, today, Kim elaborated on some of the most unusual St. Paddy's



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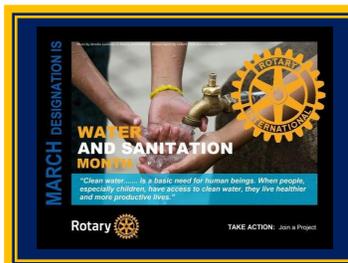
Day traditions in the United States. In **New London, Wisconsin**, leprechauns change all of the signs in the city to "New Dublin" for the day, even on the highway! This stems from the wave of Irish immigration that altered New London's cultural profile. It used to be a German town. These members of the local Shamrock Club also visit hospitals and schools and stage an adaptation of Finnegan's Wake.

Portland, Maine celebrates with the Paddy's Day Plunge, which involves jumping into the freezing Atlantic Ocean at 5:30 a.m. (No, thank you!!) Those who participate get to enjoy a free Irish breakfast, a live auction and a raffle at a nearby restaurant. All proceeds are donated to charity.

In **New Orleans**, the city flocks to the Irish Channel neighborhood for a street party and vegetable food fight! All the ingredients that make up Irish stew are fair game, with the exception of the beef. They use an underhand technique to throw the cabbages so no one gets hurt. This tradition is meant to memorialize how cabbage replaced potatoes during the famine and became a staple of Irish cuisine.

I'm sure many of you have heard of **Chicago's** tradition of dyeing the river green. Every year the Chicago River turns green in time for the city's parade, an event that has been going on for more than 50 years. Not to worry though; a top-secret, eco-friendly, vegetable-based recipe is used to create the dye that lasts for a few days.

Finally, the shortest parade takes place in **Hot Springs, Arkansas**. Bridge Street, which is only 98 feet long, hosts the hour-long parade which includes Elvis impersonators, a Blarney Stone kissing contest, and other performances. The street was dubbed "The Shortest Street in Everyday Use in the World" by Ripley's *Believe It or Not* in the 1940s.



MAGAZINE REPORT



Lauren Kramer highlighted her favorite articles featured in the March, 2021 issue of *Rotary*.

In "The Specialist: Urgent Care", you can read about the dedication and stamina that is required to treat COVID-19 patients. Here, a nurse

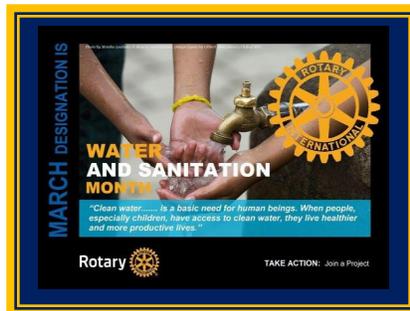
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explains the process that she had to follow during two, six-week stints of working on a COVID-19 unit. She also tells a story about how her Rotary bracelet helped a non-English speaking patient learn to trust her and recognize the kind of human being that she was.

"Rotary Projects Around the Globe" includes some brief synopses of clubs in the United States, Honduras, Germany, Uganda, and the Philippines. Learn how they have made an impact on homelessness, children's homes, education and other persistent societal issues.

The Fellowship of Rotarian Genealogists is introduced in "They Can Relate". In this article, Rotary's genealogy detectives share some family stories and lessons learned during the discovery of their origins.

Finally, read "The Conversation" in order to learn how activist Catherine Coleman Flowers addressed the inadequate management of wastewater in rural Alabama communities and how Rotarians can be part of the solution.



IN-PERSON CLUB MEETINGS will resume on March 31, 2021 at Café 422, along with Zoom Meetings for those who do not yet feel comfortable attending in person.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR when the Board of Directors is ready to consider nominations for annual awards. **The Les Stauffer Community Service Award** recognizes a non-Rotarian for his or her outstanding volunteer service (not vocational success or prominence) rendered to our community. The Board of Directors chooses a non-board member to be a "**Distinguished Rotarian**," based upon their contributions to Rotary, whether it be the Rotary Club of Warren, District 6650 or Rotary International. A Distinguished Rotarian may not be a member of the Board of Directors. If you know any individuals who are worthy of these awards, please put your nomination in writing, including supporting details regarding their volunteer service/contributions, and forward the letters to Club Secretary, Judy Masaki (jmasaski1962@gmail.com).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: On June 26, 2021, an in-person District

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Conference will be held in Boardman, Ohio. Steve Wilder will become our new District Governor. Keep an eye on the District Website for more details.

THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, scheduled for June 12 - 16, 2021 in Taipei, Taiwan, will now be held virtually. For more information, visit: <https://convention.rotary.org/en/taipei>.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION (DEI) IN ROTARY: In 2020, Rotary International's Board of Directors convened a task force to ensure that everyone who engages with Rotary feels valued, respected and welcomed, no matter who they are, where they are in the world, or how long they have been connected with Rotary. One of their priorities is to expand their reach to engage others who share a passion for service. A survey will be conducted on a sample of current and former Rotarians during the week of March 22nd in order to help assess and better understand how Rotary members across the globe perceive and experience DEI. If you are invited by email to complete the survey, you are encouraged to provide thoughtful and candid feedback. If you do not receive an invitation but would like to participate, send your email address and preferred language to surveys@rotary.org to receive the survey.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF WARREN WELCOMES A NEW MEMBER

Ryan Fraelich is a graduate of Warren John F. Kennedy High School and Kenyon College, where he received a Bachelor's Degree in English Literature. He brings a unique talent and diverse background to his role as Marketing Director with The J. Arnold Wealth Management Company. Ryan has worked for large corporations like Walt Disney World and has held managerial positions at top companies in both the restaurant and retail industries. Ryan is currently enrolled in the Hondros College curriculum, where he is pursuing his Ohio insurance and mortgage loan organization license.



Ryan is the grandson of Alfred Lopez, first superintendent of the LaBrae School District and is the son of Tim and Michelle Fraelich. Of everything he has done, Ryan is most proud of his marriage to Danielle Fraelich and being a father to his son, Ethan.

Ryan indicated that he has been inspired by how welcoming our Club has been, and he looks forward to being an active member.

HAPPY BUCKS



*** **Christine Cope** is thankful for the sunny weather.

*** **Ted Stazak** offered a Happy Buck in honor of his favorite holiday, St. Patrick's Day, and our newest member, Ryan Fraelich. He was also excited to be on the way to receiving his first COVID vaccine.

*** **Dominic Mararri** is happy that Ryan has joined our Club. He also offered a Happy Buck in honor of St. Patrick's Day and the warmer weather.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
BY
PRESIDENT DOMINIC MARARRI

"St. Patrick wasn't the first Christian to reach Ireland; nor was he the first bishop in Ireland. What made this saint successful was his pure determination and the courage to face whatever dangers lay ahead of him. Upon returning to a land where he was imprisoned for years, he still displayed compassion and forgiveness to work among people who had brought nothing but pain to his earlier life. I read that 'none of his actions as a bishop had come naturally to him. He was a man of great insecurities who constantly wondered if he was really cut out for the task he had been given. He was also given to fits of depression, self-pity, and violent anger. Patrick was not a story book saint, meek and mild, who wandered Ireland with a smile and a life free from petty faults. He was very much a human being who constantly made mistakes and frequently failed to live up to his own Christian ideals. BUT, he was honest enough to recognize his shortcomings and never allowed defeat to rule his life.' You don't have to be Irish to admire Patrick. His story of inspiration is fitting for anyone who goes out into the world working for a greater purpose other than self-satisfaction and contentment.

We are all working together in Rotary for the common purpose of service and making this world a better place as a human race. We do the best we can. This doesn't mean we have to be perfect all the time. It just means we must persevere to achieve what is set before us."